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Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comment on the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. I write to express my strong support for this Withdrawal. In addition I would like to ask that the Forest Service conduct an Environmental Assessment and that the Forest Service, upon completion of the Environmental Assessment provide a Finding of No Significant Impact to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed by the withdrawal. I also want to offer my reasons for fully supporting the mineral withdrawal: the primary reason is that this watershed and creek would be put at terrible and utterly avoidable risk of contamination that would have disastrous and fatal consequences on human communities and wildlife for years to come. In addition, it would represent a blatant desecration of land sacred to the Lakota people, who have longest had a tie to the land; it would be an obscene repetition of the worst of our nation's history to destroy land for no good reason and violate the basic rights of the people indigenous to this land. I can see no good reason to allow the extraction of minerals in a place that would be destroyed likely by that extraction. Please choose the best path forward and proceed with the withdrawal as planned.